

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2000 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

**HON. RALPH REGULA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 24, 2000*

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the United States Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and convey Members' views on issues of mutual concern.

A staff delegation from the United States will be selected to visit Germany during April 7 to April 22 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Cultural activities and a weekend visit in a Bundestag Member's district will complete the schedule.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for three weeks this summer. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Exchange is highly regarded in Germany, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchanges of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state why they believe they are qualified, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie

Veillette in Congressman REGULA's office, 2309 Rayburn House Building, by noon on Friday, March 3.

IN HONOR OF RUSSELL MANZATT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russell Manzatt. He celebrated his 100th birthday on January 1, 2000.

Russell grew up in Ilasco, Missouri, where his Romanian parents first settled. Many different immigrant groups settled here, and Russell spoke Hungarian, German, Italian and his native Romanian with his playmates. It was his first day of school at the age of five when he was given the name Russell because his teacher could not pronounce his Christian name, Vasile.

As a foreigner in a new land, he had to forge his own way. Russell always had a job. He started selling subscriptions to The Saturday Evening Post and The Country Gentleman. Then he delivered 25-pound slabs of ice with a horse and buggy. When his family was threatened because their butcher business was becoming too successful, the Manzatt family moved to Cleveland.

The city of Cleveland impressed Russell, with his new home's flush toilet to the expanse of Lake Erie. Russell started working again, delivering telegrams during the First World War at the age of fifteen. But his legs were meant for more than delivering telegrams—Russell won a dance contest, went to New York and was cast in a vaudeville chorus show. Before the show was about to tour, his homesickness pulled him back to Cleveland.

During the Depression, he was lucky enough to land a job with Colgate. Though he didn't know what a "display man" was, he answered that he could do it. It was when he was setting up a windowfront cosmetics display and blocked himself in, that a store owner taught him what a real display man actually did. From setting up displays, he moved up to being a sales manager in his fifteen years at Colgate until he started his own family and company.

At the Manzatt's West Park Superette, his Colgate contacts helped him stock hard-to-get items after World War Two. The success of the store grew, and was profitable enough to sell for the Manzatts to buy a tavern. While their family lived upstairs from the renovated restaurant-bar, a steady clientele of other neighborhood families frequented the Rockport Inn. Their three children enjoyed the wooded acres behind the family restaurant, where they grew up until they moved into careers of their own. At the peak of the Vietnam war, Russell was 71 and decided to sell the Rockport Inn.

Instead of enjoying a relaxed retirement, he worked as a top salesman of men's clothing until the store closed, at the age of 93. During this time, he enjoyed the growth of his family as his three children were married, had children, and made him a great-grandparent five times over. Though last year, at 99 years old, he decided to stop driving, Russell's former dancing legs have enough energy to take him on long walks for a haircut or just a cup of coffee.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Russell Manzatt.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANCES P. MOSS OF DECATUR, ALABAMA

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 24, 2000*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Dr. Frances P. Moss to the music community throughout the state of Alabama. It is a privilege for me to be able to pay tribute to Dr. Moss on the occasion of her retirement from Calhoun Community College.

Dr. Moss has dedicated thirty-four years of outstanding services to Calhoun Community College's music program. Her greatest asset to the College is her ability to reach out to students and instill them with confidence, skill and knowledge. Her teaching comes from the heart and her love of music is infectious.

She has devoted herself to her students, directing the internationally known Chorale and Madrigal Singers. Her legacy to the state is a composition she arranged, "Alabama Has it All". She modernized the music curriculum at Calhoun developing "college by cassette", correspondence and intra-term courses.

Dr. Moss is a native of Oxford, Alabama, and she attended Jacksonville State University before receiving her masters and doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and Florida State University. She is a member and active leader of many professional and civic organizations including the Alabama Vocal Association, Alabama Music Educators Association and the Decatur Music Club. She serves as the Minister of Music and Discipleship for her church, Austinville United Methodist Church, a role she has lovingly performed for the past ten years.

I want to offer my best wishes and congratulations to Dr. Moss and those who love her in this well-deserved rest. On behalf of the people of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I thank her for her extraordinary service to our community and our state.

IN HONOR OF FATHER EDWIN J. SCHENKELBURG

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

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*Monday, January 24, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Edwin J. Schenkelburg on the occasion of his retirement. Father Schenkelburg has served St. Mel Parish in multiple capacities for the last twenty-eight years and his presence will surely be missed. Father Schenkelburg has been the backbone of an entire community, and his legacy will last for generations.

A lifelong Cleveland resident, Fr. Schenkelburg has gained work experience in a number of vocations. As a young boy, he helped support his family with his earnings from stocking grocery shelves and delivering newspapers such as the Baseball News and Cleveland Press. He held his first position at